

REMARKS


Applicant notes that the present application was filed concurrently with a Preliminary Amendment on September 21, 2005. The Preliminary Amendment amended Claims 1-10 on which the PCT International Preliminary Report on Patentability was established. Because the Office Action refers to Claims 1-15, it appears that the Office Action has examined the original claims of the published International Publication Number WO 2004/086203A3, instead of the amended Claims 1-10 provided by the Preliminary Amendment. To facilitate further prosecution on the present application while fully responding to the Office Action, Applicant provides the following election response with regard to Claims 1-10 as amended by Preliminary Amendment dated September 21, 2005 and as further amended herein.

Applicant hereby elects Species III, as illustrated in Figures 7-8, for prosecution. Amended Claims 1-10 read on Figures 7-8 of Species III.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests examination and allowance of Claims 1-10 as amended herein.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (919) 854-1400.

Respectfully submitted,

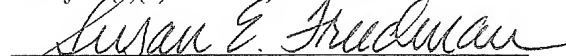

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